

Questions or Concerns?

The information and equipment presented here may be new to you. As always, we want to help you and your family feel safe and comfortable with your care. If you or your family have questions or concerns about the “Safe Patient Handling Program” please feel free to talk with your nurse.

Safe Patient Handling Program

Goal:
Promote a Culture of Safe & Compassionate Patient Handling while Enhancing Caregiver and Patient Safety

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Putting Your Safety First

Your health and dignity are of the utmost importance to us and we want you to feel comfortable, safe and secure as you receive care.

During your stay you may or may not be able to walk or move about without help or assistance. The staff may need to help you turn from side-to-side in bed, change your position or transfer you from the bed to a chair or stretcher. You may need help to get to the bathroom or to take a bath or shower.

An important part of providing you with safe care is how we help you to move or transfer from one place to another.

The **Safe Patient Handling Program** at Good Shepherd Medical Center is part of a new 'Safe Lift' approach that puts safety first. The health care staff may use special kinds of equipment to help you move and transfer. This equipment is made just for moving and transferring patients safely and comfortably.

Our staff will consider your special needs to decide which equipment will work best to keep you and the staff that provide your care as safe as possible.

What is the Equipment?

Mechanical Lifts - very strong electronic lifts that help staff to move, lift and hold you. They may use a vest or sling connected to the lift to support your body weight. Some of these lifts can be moved from room-to-room and some of them are ceiling-mounted. They may be used to transfer you from a bed to a chair or to assist you to walk.



Some lifts allow you to be transferred from your bed to chair while you are in a standing position

Lateral Transfer and Repositioning Devices - a type of equipment that will help the staff move you from a bed to a stretcher or an X-Ray table.

There are two types of lateral transfer devices. With one type, you will lie on an air mattress that moves or glides on a cushion of air. A second type looks like a large nylon sheet. When it is placed under you it makes a slick layer. The slick layer will make it easy for the staff to slide you to and from your bed, stretcher or other hard surfaces. They may be used to move you up in your bed or stretcher.

